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SUBJECT: OVERLAND MOVEMENT FROM EGYPT TO ISRAEL

REF: CAIRO 15744

FOR AMBASSADORS EILTS AND LEWIS; SINAI FOR SFM DIRECTOR
HUNT ONLY

1. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE EGYPTIAN APPROVAL FOR DAVID AARON
TO TRANSIT THE SINAI FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO SFM. WE WILL
RESPECT PRESIDENT SADAT'S CONDITIONS FOR THE VISIT,
NAMELY THAT AARON'S VISIT DOES NOT ESTABLISH A PRECEDENT
FOR TRANSITING SINAI AND THAT THERE WILL BE NO PUBLICITY
ON OUR PART OF THIS TRIP.

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2. AARON WILL BE UNDER EXTREMELY TIGHT TIME CONSTRAINTS
FOLLOWING VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S DEPARTURE FROM
ALEXANDRIA. THEREFORE, THE NSC REQUESTS THAT AMBASSADOR
EILTS CONSIDER WAYS TO REDUCE AARON'S TRANSIT TIME FROM
CAIRO TO THE SINAI. WOULD THE EGYPTIANS BE WILLING TO
HELICOPTER HIM TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE BUFFER ZONE WHERE

A SFM VEHICLE AND U.N. ESCORT COULD MEET HIM FOR THE TRIP TO THE BASE CAMP? AARON PROPOSES SPEND APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR AT SFM AND THEN HAVE AN ISRAELI HELICOPTER PICK HIM

UP AT CHECKPOINT BRAVO TO TAKE HIM TO RAFADIM FOR A FLIGHT TO TEL AVIV. HE HOPES THE IDF COULD ARRANGE TO HAVE HIS FLIGHT FROM RAFADIM GIVE HIM AERIAL VIEW OF RAFAH APPROACHES AND GAZA.

3. AARON WISHES TO BE IN TEL AVIV BY MID AFTERNOON JULY 4. IF FEASIBLE, HE CAN MAKE THE REMAINDER OF THE AFTERNOON AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS AND BRIEFINGS AT THE DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR LEWIS. HE WISHES THE AMBASSADOR TO KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAS A PRIVATE SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT THAT EVENING. AARON PLANS TO REMAIN IN ISRAEL JULY 5 BUT IS UNCERTAIN NOW TIME OF DEPARTURE. HE WILL BE IN TOUCH LATER REGARDING POSSIBLE SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT THAT EVENING.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADORS' RESPONSES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. VANCE

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